IN THE CLAIMS

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The text of all claims under examination is submitted, and the status of each is identified. This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

- (original): process for the manufacture of acrylylcholine, methacrylylcholine, 2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl acrylate (DMAEA) and/or 2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethyl methacrylate (DMAEMA), said process comprising reacting choline and/or 2-(N,N-dimethylamino)ethanol with acrylyl-CoA and/or methacrylyl-CoA in the presence of a biocatalyst with choline acetyltransferase activity.
- 2. (original): The process according to claim 1 which is conducted in vitro.
- 3. (original): The process according to claim 1 which is conducted in vivo.
- 4. (original): The process according to claim 1 which is led partially in vivo and partially in vitro.
- (currently amended): The process according to claim 1 where the biocatalyst is within an organism, especially a (more preferably at least during part of its life cycle unicellular) microorganism.
- 6. (original): The process according to claim 5 wherein the organism is intact.
- 7. (original): The process according to claim 5 wherein the organism is disrupted.
- 8. (currently amended):The process especially according to claim 1, 2, 4 or 7 where the biocatalyst with choline acetyl transferase activity is present in at least partially purified form.
- 9. (currently amended): The process according to any one of claims claim 1 to 8 where the acrylyl CoA and/or methacrylyl CoA is obtained by reacting coenzyme A with acrylate and/or methacrylate in the presence of an energy providing substance, especially ATP, and a biocatalyst with S-acetyl CoA synthetase activity.

- 10. (currently amended): The process according to claim 9 wherein the reaction catalysed by the biocatalyst with choline acetyltransferase activity and the reaction catalysed by the biocatalyst with S-acetyl CoA synthetase activity take place in one pot, preferably during an at least partially overlapping time period, most preferably during the same time period.
- 11. (original): The one pot process according to claim 10 where the reaction catalysed by the biocatalyst with S-acetyl CoA synthetase activity takes place first and the products obtainable are converted subsequently into acrylyl- and/or methacrylylcholine using the biocatalyst with choline acetyltransferase activity.
- 12. (currently amended): The process according to-any-one of claims_claim 1_to-11 where the biocatalysts are enzymes, especially polypeptides having the respective activity.
- 13. (currently amended): The process according to any one of claims claim 1-to 12 wherein the (meth)acrylyl CoA precursor is produced metabolically, especially from one or more precursors derived from biomass.
- 14. (currently amended): The process according to <u>any one of claims claim</u> 1—to 13 wherein methacrylyl CoA and/or (preferably) acrylyl CoA are produced metabolically and the conversion with a biocatalyst with choline acetyl transferase activity in the presence of choline and/or DMAE and/or DMAE in salt form, or in each case starting materials for the biosynthesis thereof derived from biomass, to the products is conducted by means of, preferably in, a genetially modified organism (GMO) that is, <u>as far as necessary or desired</u>, modified to comprise the required biocatalytic activities and, if required, transporters.
- 15. (currently amended): A genetically modified organism (GMO) transformed with one or[[e]] more nucleic acids comprising one or more sections coding for and allowing the expression of a biocatalyst with choline acetyltransferase activity.
- 16. (currently amended): The GMO according to claim 15 which is an insect, an insect tissue or an insect cell; a plant or a plant tissue; or preferably a (at least during parts of its life cycle unicellular) microorganism, especially a prokaryotic or a fungal microorganism, most preferably a bacterium or a yeast, wherein the nucleic acid comprising one of more sections coding for a biocatalyst with choline acetyltransferase activity is a recombinant nucleic acid.

- 17. (currently amended): The GMO according to any one of claims claim 15 or 16 further comprising a (preferably recombinant) nucleic acid comprising one or more sections coding for one or more transporters appropriate for the transport of one or more starting materials for biocatalytic DMAE(M)A (including the free form and/or salts thereof) and/or preferably (meth)acrylylcholine synthesis into and/or DMAE(M)A and/or preferably (meth)acycrylylcholine out of said microorganism.
- 18. (original): The GMO according to claim 17 wherein the transporter for transport of choline as a starting material for (meth)acrylylcholine is a choline transporter.
- 19. (currently amended): The GMO according to any one of claims claim 15 to 18 wherein further to one or more nucleic acids comprising one or more sections coding for a biocatalyst with choline acetyltransferase activity one or more nucleic acids comprising one or more sections coding for and allowing for the expression of S-acetyl CoA synthetase are present.

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